

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, and were allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated October 5, 2004.

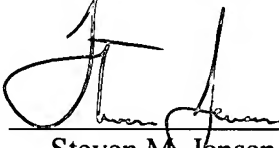
In the drawings, FIG. 1 has been amended to include reference numerals, as specified by the Examiner. Also, reference numerals 8a and 8b, corresponding to an information recording surface 8a and a protective substrate 8b, have been included in FIG. 1 (see, e.g., specification at page 16, lines 3-7). No new matter is added.

Approval of the corrected FIG. 1 is respectfully requested, along with issuance of the patent.

Should any fees associated with the submission be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account, No. 04-1105. Please contact the undersigned attorney if any additional information is needed.

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